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The New England Historic Genealogical Society

9 Ashburton Place
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THIS institution was incorporated by a special Act of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts March 18, 1845. Its scope has since been enlarged by three other special Acts of the same body.

Its object is to collect, preserve and publish historical, biographical and genealogical data, and through its Library and its publications to make such records available to members and the public.

The Society's Library, rich in books and manuscripts relating to every State in the Union, is the most complete of its kind and is visited annually by thousands of readers who come from all parts of the country to consult the records in it. Because of its completeness and the freedom of its use, it has long been recognized as the headquarters for research in its special field.

Its publications are The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, a quarterly magazine, now in its eighty-seventh year and the Vital Records of Massachusetts which were begun in 1902. These publications together with the maintenance of a

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free library have been of incalculable value in the establishment and development of patriotic societies throughout the nation.

Through researches abroad, extending over more than half a century, the antecedents of many American families have been discovered and made known.

The officers of the Society will gladly refer the names of competent and reliable genealogists to those desiring researches.

The Society owns and occupies a modern fireproof building, ideally located, and also owns adjacent land adequate for expansion to cover its needs for many years. It is situated on Beacon Hill near three of the greatest collections of public records in New England, those of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the County of Suffolk, and the City of Boston.

There are three classes of active members:

Annual Members who pay $10.00 each calendar year,

Life Members who pay $100.00, and

Colonial Members who pay $300.00 and have the privilege of transmitting the membership in perpetuity without further payment.

Members have access to the bookstacks, with the right to borrow books and receive the quarterly magazine free.

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Subject to proper limitations, books are loaned to members who cannot visit the Library. The mailing list shows over one fifth of the membership is enjoying this privilege through parcel post service, the transportation charges being met by the borrower. This service is one of the important functions of the institution and is one that is growing rapidly.

The Financial Support of the Society is derived from endowment funds and membership dues. To carry on its work successfully and to meet the growing demands upon its resources, the Society needs additional endowment and an enlarged membership.

Eight regular and a number of special meetings are held in its auditorium each year. Many of the papers presented are illustrated.

Additional information may be had upon application by anyone who wishes to become a member or wishes to establish a memorial fund to increase the endowment of the institution.

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